Construction of Godowns and Warehouses in H.P.

159. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for construction of new godowns and warehouses in Himachal Pradesh to strengthen Public Distribution System.

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to continue with this Centrally sponsored scheme for construction of godowns and purchase of wares, etc. in that State; and

(d) if so, the funds allotted for the propose to H.P. during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) constructs new godowns depending upon the need and the budgetary allocation. During the remaining period of 9th Five Year Plan i.e. upto March, 2002, FCI proposes to construct new godowns at the following centres in Himachal Pradesh:

SI. No.	Location	Capacity
1.	Chamba	1670 MT
2.	Keylong, District Lahaul & Spiti	2500 MT

The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has identified the following centers in Himachal Pradesh for construction of godowns:—

Sl. No.	Location	Capacity
1.	Simla	10,000 MT
2.	Bilaspur	5,000 MT
3.	Nahan, District Sirmore	5,000 MT
4.	Dehra, District Kangra	5,000 MT

(c) Yes Sir, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for construction of godowns and purchase of Vans/Trucks in the States/Union Territories including Himachal Pradesh are continuing.

(d) Funds under the schemes are allotted on the basis of the proposals received from the State Governments after ascertaining the utilization of assistance sanctioned during previous years. No funds have been allotted to Himachal Pradesh during the current financial year.

Enhanced Commodities for Areas unable to produce Foodgrains

†160. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Government led by Shri Narasimha Rao had identified blocks in the country which were unable to produce foodgrains and a provision was made to provide per capita per month ten kg. wheat and eight kg. rice under the special supply scheme of Government's fair price ration; and

(b) whether Government would consider to re-implement the said scheme for such areas, particularly, hilly and sandy areas, where

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